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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 21, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2002 for one month from January 21, 2003, to February 21, 2003.

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